

## **PEN AMERICA REPORT**

From July 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022, PEN America found that 1,586 book bans were implemented across 86 school districts in 26 states.

41% of banned titles had protagonists or prominent secondary characters of color, 22% directly address issues of race and racism, and 33% explicitly address LGBTQ issues or have LGBTQ main characters.